

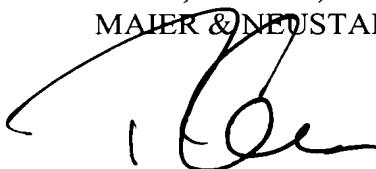
Application No. 10/603,815  
Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a)

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 27 have been amended in an editorial, non-limiting manner, changing “metal or ammonium” to “metal and ammonium”. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been introduced to the claims through such amendments, and that these amendments should be entered prior to issuance of this application as a patent.

Respectfully submitted,

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